

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

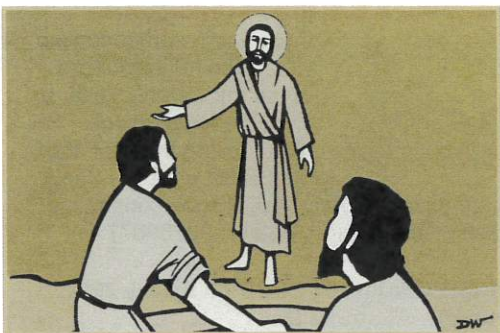
Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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METANOIA

"Repent" rings out in our readings today. Jonah, sent by God to Nineveh, delivers the message that they will be destroyed in only forty more days. "They believed God" and, with no hint that they may be reprieved, set a fast and put on sackcloth and ashes (3:5). We miss the details of this reaching the King who, joining in, makes a declaration that everyone and their animals will fast and put on sackcloth and ashes, with the hope that God might relent (vv. 6-9). God repents, changes heart and mind (Greek: *metanoō*). This metanoia, is found in the Gospel of Mark as Jesus moves from the wilderness, after forty days, to Galilee and begins his public ministry. The call to "repent" (metanoia) is couched in his declaration that "the time is fulfilled" and "the kingdom of God has come near" and is accompanied with "believe the Good News" (1:15). We know from the first verse of this Gospel that Jesus, the anointed one, the Christ and Son of God is the Good News unfolding. Our gaze is taken to Jesus in this area calling people to follow him and leave everything to do so.

Paul writing to the Corinthians further awakens our senses declaring "our time is growing short" (v. 29) and "this world is passing away" (v. 31). Sadly, we can imagine this in our time where war, famine, climate change, pandemics and much more wreak havoc. Amid this cacophony, can we hear our call to a change our heart and mind, to believe the Good News and follow Jesus?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The people of Nineveh renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

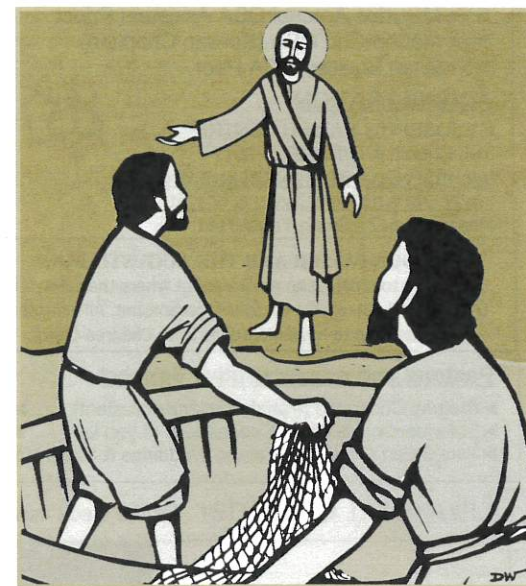
Ps 24: 4-9. R. v. 4

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. **R.**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

3. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path; / he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 7: 29-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 1: 15

Alleluia, alleluia! / The kingdom of God is near: / believe the Good News! / Alleluia!



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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (21 Jan 2024)
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

ADMINISTRATION

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa & I-Lynn Lee
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)
- ▶ Amy Lau (Business & Facilities Manager: Tues - Fri)
- ▶ Bernadette Dennis (St Joseph's Outreach Services)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, by appointment or before/after Weekday Mass

ANointing / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Christian Meditation will resume in February
- ▶ STA Feast Day & Morning Coffee Sun 28 Jan
- ▶ SJOS Board Meeting: Wed 24 Jan 6pm

AUGUSTINE 'FISH FOR THE KINGDOM'



"The Lord made his disciples fish for him, and enclosed within his nets every kind of people. If the rich are to be believed, let them consider how many rich he has taken; if the poor, let them consider

the thousands of poor; if nobles, or kings, let them see all of them subjected to Christ; if the more eloquent, and wise, and learned, let them see how many orators, and scientific men, and philosophers of this world, have been caught by That same net, to be drawn from the depth to salvation." (Sermon 1)

COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9AM MASS 28 JANUARY



The feast day of St Thomas Aquinas, one of our parish patron saints, occurs next Sunday 28th January. Our community celebration this year will be a coffee morning together from

10.15am at Jardin Tan in the Botanical Gardens Visitor Centre Café, opposite the Shrine of Remembrance. It is 10-minute walk (800m) from St Thomas Aquinas Church. There is 3hr free parking available in Birdwood Avenue close to the entrance to the Botanical Gardens but be sure to park correctly.



As we reflect on the diversity of people, climate, distances, blessings and challenges that make up our country, we pause to thank God for the place we call home.

AUSTRALIA DAY PRAYER

Lord, we thank You for this land, for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance of wealth and opportunity for all. Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace, transform our lives. Amen.

MASS COLLECTIONS 14/01/2024

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 782.35
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 324.90
Envelopes.....	\$ 150.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards	\$ 410.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 561.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

PARISH WORKING BEE

Thursday 1st February at St Joseph's
 Please contact the Parish Office if you are available to help with gardening to tidy up St Joseph's church surrounds.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently Deceased

- * Ettore Giorgione
- * Phillip Markovitch

Anniversaries

* Virginia Monagle	* Phoebe Mount
* Joan Daly	* Mary White
* Michael White	* Gregory Benoiton
* Pietro Taranto	* Jorge Vargas
* Judith McHugh	* Colleen Phillips
* Jozefa Szymczycha	* Rudolf Szymczycha
* Georgette and Habib Fares	

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 21st January 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 20th January 2024	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 21st January 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 22nd January 3 rd Week in Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 23rd January 3 rd Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45am Mass
Wednesday 24th January St Francis de Sales	10.00am Mass	12.45am Mass
Thursday 25th January Conversion of St Paul	10.00am Mass	12.45am Mass
Friday 26th January Australia Day	10.00am Mass	12.45am Mass
Saturday 27th January 3 rd Week in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

POSITION VACANT- URGENT

Parish Business Manager
 The parish is seeking applications for a part-time permanent role as business manager (20-24 hours a week). Contact the parish office for details.
 Ph: 9826 9677 E: secretary@parishofsouthyarra.org.au

BECOMING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN

If you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith, or if you have questions about taking the next step, the Parish of South Yarra is here to accompany you. Please contact the Parish office for more details. 98269677



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED on Friday 26th January – Australia Day

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Brian Young, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Margaret Lochtenberg, Ronald Seaman, Mito Gloudemans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Inge Halim, Paul Chong, Patricia Galloway, Margaret Shepherd, Monica Beckenham, Larissa Popowski, Ryan McCarthy, Mary Ireland, Caroline O'Neil, Isabella Chong, Tony Duarte, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Veronica Dura, Regina Caluya, Lynn Montilla Garcia, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Judith Duncan